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AN APPEAL.

The members of the Penn Sewing School, of Philadelphia, with the opening of its tenth session, present a brief report of its working of the past year, and ask the continued aid of friends who have so materially advanced the good work in the past, as well as others interested in charitable objects.

This School, chartered in 1871, furnishes instruction in sewing to poor children, irrespective of color, whose regular attendance, neat appearance, and good deportment, with satisfactory sewing, entitle them to garments.

Those engaged in the work have felt gratified with the improvement made from year to year, and increasing demands in the number requiring such instruction as the school furnishes, make it necessary to ask not only pecuniary aid, but the co-operation of those who are willing to render their services.

OFFICERS.

President.

ELMA HOOPES, 1621 Vine Street.

Secretary.

EDITH B. NEEDLES, 152 N. 12th Street.

Superintendent.

SALLIE M. OGDEN, 1032 Arch Street.

Directress of Work.

KATHERINE M. JACOBS, 1606 Green Street.

Treasurer.

ANNIE CALEY, 1618 Summer Street.

Stated meetings are held on the first seventh-day in each month during the school session, at 11.30 a. m.

School sessions are held on Seventh-day mornings at 10 o'clock, during the Eleventh, Twelfth, First, Second, and Third months, at the Friends' Meeting House, Fifteenth and Race streets.

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FOR

1877-'78.

In making our Ninth Annual Report, we are glad to say that the last has been a prosperous session, regarding both the number of scholars and the amount of work accomplished. The school opened on the 3d of 11th month, with the names of 125 children on the roll,—96 of whom were white, and 29 colored; and on the closing day, 4th mo. 6th, they numbered 125.

The school sessions have been regularly held, with the exception of two days, one of them being the usual omission during Christmas week, and once when the meeting-room was otherwise needed.

475 garments were distributed during the winter, of which more than one-fourth were made by the scholars, and we are happy to note a marked improvement in the work done by the children. The younger classes, which had

many new scholars, improved more rapidly than we expected, and the advanced classes have fully answered our anticipations of the quality of their sewing.

In addition to the garments here mentioned, we have given 83 pairs of shoes to the most destitute of the children.

The accustomed entertainments at Christmas and the closing of school were given, when, by the kindness of friends, the children received books, toys, candy, etc.

We wish to express our gratitude to the Fourth and Green Streets House of Industry for sewing two hundred and eighty-six garments for us, and to the friends who have kindly aided us in accomplishing the remainder of this part of our work, by making garments at their own houses for the school. Help in this direction is of great value to us; and we would call attention to the fact, that those who are so situated as to be unable to assist as teachers, may aid greatly in this way. A Cutting-out Committee meets in the meeting-house, at room No. 5, on Third day afternoons at 3 o'clock, during the school session, where any will be welcomed to assist.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, 4th mo. 11th, 1878, ...	$53 09
Subscriptions, ...	292 53
Interest on City Loan, ...	60 00
Total receipts, ...	$405 62

EXPENSES.

By amount paid for material, shoes, etc., . . .	$278 48
Balance on hand, 4th mo. 11th, 1878, . .	$127 14

ANNIE CALEY, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above, compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct.

(Signed,) LUCY N. JANNEY,
SALLIE A. ATKINSON,
Committee.

CHARTER

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Association shall be "THE PENN SEWING SCHOOL OF PHILADELPHIA."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association shall be, to give gratuitous instruction to poor women and children in sewing, provide them with clothing, and cultivate a taste for habits of industry and neatness.

ARTICLE III.

The members of this Association shall be citizens of this Commonwealth, and shall be elected in such manner as may be prescribed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV.

The meetings of the Association shall be held at such times and for such purposes as may be provided for in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V.

The officers shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

ARTICLE VI.

This Association shall be able and capable to take, receive, and hold all and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, and hereditaments, and any sum or sums of money, and any manner and portion of goods and chattels given and bequeathed unto them; *provided*, that the clear yearly value or income of the real and personal estate held by said Association shall not, at any time, exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Article VII.

If, at any time, the school shall be permanently discontinued, all the property or money which it may at that time hold shall be applied to such purposes of a charitable character as may be agreed upon by two-thirds of the active members.

Article VIII.

The members shall have power to adopt such By-Laws as may be necessary to carry out the object of this Association, provided they are not inconsistent with its Charter, the Constitution and Laws of this State, and of the United States.

Article IX.

No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made, except the same be determined on at an Annual or Special meeting called for the purpose, and by two-thirds of the votes cast by the active members present, and in accordance with, and in the manner prescribed by, the laws of this Commonwealth.

DECREE.

In the Court of Common Pleas, for the City and County of Philadelphia. And now, to wit, this Seventh day of June, A. D. 1871, the Articles of Incorporation of "The Penn Sewing School of Philadelphia," having been heretofore, to wit, on the Seventeenth day of May, A. D. 1871, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court, and due notice having been inserted in a newspaper, printed in said county, in due conformity to

law; therefore, on motion of WILLIAM M. LEVICK, it is declared and decreed, that the persons so associated, under said articles, shall, according to the articles and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law. And be it further ordered and directed, that the said *Charter of Incorporation* shall be recorded in the office for Recording Deeds in and for said county. And, on said instrument being so recorded, the persons so associated, or meaning to associate, shall, according to the articles, objects, and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance by the name, style, and title in said instrument provided and declared.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
[SEAL.] and affixed the seal of said Court, this thirteenth day of June, A. D. 1871.

R. DONEGAN,
Prothonotary.

Recorded in the office for Recording Deeds, etc., for the City and County of Philadelphia, in Miscellaneous Book I. A. H. No. 1, page 239, etc.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 13th day of
[SEAL.] June, A. D., 1871.

J. A. HOUSEMAN,
Per M. MYERS.

SUBSCRIBERS.

Dillwyn Parrish,	$30 00
Joseph C. Turnpenny,	5 00
Joel J. Baily,	5 00
Lucretia Mott,	5 00
Charles M. Biddle,	5 00
William C. Longstreth,	10 00
Mary T. Brooke,	5 00
Barton Hoopes,	5 00
Louisa A. Godey,	10 00
Elizabeth M. Perot,	5 00
Hannah Lippincott,	2 00
Sarah S. Biddle,	2 00
William P. Ellison,	5 00
Henry H. Ellison,	1 00
Cash,	50
Hannah Bailey,	1 00
Edward H. Ogden,	5 00
Sallie M. Ogden,	5 00
Fanny B. Griscom,	2 00
Carrie Brooks,	10 00
T. Morris Perot,	5 00
W. F. Dreer,	10 00
Robert Biddle,	5 00
Jane P. Downing,	5 00
George Tabor,	3 00
Augusta Tabor,	2 00
Isabella Lippincott,	10 00
Mary Jeanes,	5 00
Joshua Jeanes,	5 00
Joseph Jeanes,	5 00
Samuel Jeanes,	5 00

Anna Jeanes,	5 00
Hannah W. Sterling,	5 00
Martha G. McIlvain,	1 00
Martha Parry,	1 00
Edmund Webster,	5 00
Rachel S. Biddle,	5 00
Hannah Bailey,	1 00
Mordecai Busby,	5 00
Edward Hoopes,	10 00
Francis Perot,	5 00
Sarah A. Atkinson,	1 00
A Friend,	1 00
Charles W. Pierce,	5 00
Henry M. Laing,	5 00
Anna T. Laing,	5 00
Kate M. Laing,	2 00
Sallie Holmes,	1 00
Elizabeth Roberts,	1 00
Elizabeth J. Ferris,	2 00
J. Humphrey McIlvain,	5 00
Addie S. Tryon,	3 00
Sarah Hurley,	5 00
Hannah A. Woodnut,	5 00
Mrs. Henry Dreer,	2 00